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To: Mr. Peter Brooks
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**Regarding: Response to Comments on Draft Site Hazard Assessment
Gorst Landfill a.k.a. Bremerton Auto Wrecking Yard Landfill**

Attention: Mr. Brooks

Attached please find the Navy's response to comments on the above referenced assessment. The Navy's responses were prepared by HartCrowser in response to comments received from Ecology, Suquamish Tribe and the Bremerton Kitsap County Health Department.

In previous discussions regarding this site, Ecology had agreed to take a number of actions including ranking the site. At this juncture, it appears that Ecology no longer intends to take the agreed upon actions.

At present, the Navy intends to proceed with a focused remedial investigation/feasibility study and to initiate a presumptive remedy at the site. However, as demonstrated by the comments received, a fundamental and threshold issue regarding the site is present and future reasonably anticipated use of the property and thus the proper criteria to apply to surface soils and other environmental media. After your review of the Navy's responses, I suggest we meet to discuss this issue. If this issue is resolved satisfactorily, we can then proceed to reach consensus on a management plan for the RI/FS.

I look forward to hearing from you after you have reviewed the Navy's responses.

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By direction of the
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